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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2853, Expedited Procedure

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASAHIKO KUBOTA, et al.

Application No.: 09/878,946

Filed: June 13, 2001

For: SOLID SEMICONDUCTOR  
ELEMENT, INK TANK,  
INK JET RECORDING  
APPARATUS PROVIDED  
WITH INK TANK, LIQUID  
INFORMATION ACQUIRING  
METHOD AND LIQUID  
PHYSICAL PROPERTY CHANGE  
DISCRIMINATING METHOD

Examiner: L. Liang

Group Art Unit: 2853

March 20, 2003

Box AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for  
response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003 for one month, from February 20,  
2003 to March 20, 2003.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited  
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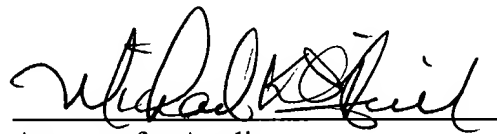
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Scinto", written over a horizontal line.

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